brother's wife many years ago: "She only lived with him for about two months and then she ran off with Mr. Smith." Mrs. Smith really was someone else.

Moral Imbecility and Occupational Wandering

In a piece based on the work of the Psychiatric Clinic of the Toronto General Hospital and its Social Service Department, "A Study of 5,600 Cases,"[cxxix] Clarke argued that the "immoral" women of a group received at the Toronto Psychiatric Clinic became so, not as "enthusiasts" and other "sentimentalists" believed, because of economic want, but because they were mentally defective. By "defective," Clarke meant that they measured "low in the scale of intelligence, and do not reach a mental age of twelve, although their chronological age is much greater" (12). Others, however, were defective in terms of "want of ability to realize their social obligation, and ... defects in character" (12). These last are "defective" simply for not sharing Clarke's values.[cxxx] These are Clarke's "High Grade Morons," which he considers "the greatest menace to the community, as they are so often attractive in appearance, and plausible, to the ordinary observer" (12). The "experienced social worker" knows that such must be supervised at all times; these "high grade defectives" are "the greatest menace of all to the community" (16) as they freely move about in "normal" society and eventually marry other "mental weaklings," thereby "perpetuating the race of defectives" (16).[cxxxi] Proper psychiatric inspection and evaluation in the public schools would have prevented many from becoming prostitutes, as most do; consequently, "prevention should be the slogan of all social service workers" (12). The "glamorous prostitute" is no more than one of these "flashy high grade moron[s]" ("Juvenile Delinquency," 229). Clarke insists that with his expertise he can see through her physical attractiveness to her underlying "absence of moral sense and ... easily detected mental defect" (229). How these moral or spiritual qualities manifest themselves physically or visually is not explained. Her "mental weakness" appears to amount to values which Clarke does not share.

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